

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

FRIDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY, 1896.

Prof. G. B. HOWES, Sec.L.S., President, in the Chair.

Mr. W. M. Webb and Colonel Wilmer were appointed Scrutineers. The following Report of the Council for the year 1895 was read:—

“In submitting the third Annual Report to the Society your Council have, as in previous years, to chronicle a steady progress in the Society’s work.

During the past year the Membership has increased from 153 to 158, while three candidates, nominated at the December meeting, were awaiting election at the close of the year.

The membership on December 31st stood as follows :

Ordinary members	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95
Corresponding members	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63
Total								158

During the past year twelve Members have been elected; while five have resigned, and two Members’ names have been removed from the list—one by the Council, the other by the operation of Rule X. It is pleasant not to have to record any death amongst the Members.

The finances of the Society are still in a very flourishing condition. After payment of all liabilities there remains a balance of £28 12s. 1d. in the Treasurer’s hands. In addition to the above the sum of £50 remains on deposit at the Society’s Bankers.

Since the last Annual General Meeting three more numbers of the ‘Proceedings’ have been issued, completing Vol. I, and comprising 158 pages, including title-page, contents, and index, with eleven plates and numerous illustrations in the text. Another number will shortly be in the printers’ hands.

Your thanks are due to the following Members, who have borne a large proportion of the cost of the illustrations, or who have assisted by furnishing the drawings: Lieut.-Col. H. H. Godwin-Austen, C. Hedley, J. Cosmo Melvill, S. Pace, E. A. Smith, G. B. Sowerby, E. R. Sykes, J. H. Vanstone, and Martin F. Woodward; as also to the West Indian Islands Committee of the British Association, for similar help.

Eighteen authors have contributed to the ‘Proceedings’ of the Society during the past year. Further, Professor W. A. Herdman very kindly delivered a lecture at the December meeting, which was very numerously attended, entitled ‘The Culture of the Edible Oyster.’

By the great kindness of Dr. and Mrs. Woodward, the Society was permitted to hold its July meeting at their private residence.

The thanks of the Society are therefore due to Dr. and Mrs. Woodward, and to Professor Herdman.

The thanks of the Society are also due to the Council of the Linnean Society, by whose kindness the meetings (except that for July) were again held in the apartments of the Society in Burlington House."

On the motion of Mr. W. M. Webb, seconded by Mr. S. Pace, the Report was adopted as the Annual Report of the Society.

On the motion of Dr. H. Woodward, seconded by Mr. H. Groves, the following resolution was carried: "That in Rule XVI, line 3, the word 'July' be inserted between the words 'of' and 'August.'"

The Scrutineers reported that the following were duly elected as Officers and Council for the ensuing year:—

President.—Professor G. B. Howes, Sec. L.S., etc.

Vice-Presidents.—J. Cosmo Melvill, F.L.S.; E. A. Smith, F.Z.S.;
Rev. R. Boog Watson, LL.D., F.L.S.; Dr. H. Woodward,
F.R.S.

Treasurer.—G. F. Harris, F.G.S.

Secretary.—E. R. Sykes, B.A., F.Z.S.

Editor.—B. B. Woodward, F.L.S., F.G.S.

Other Members of Council.—S. I. Da Costa; W. H. Hudleston,
F.R.S.; H. Wallis Kew, F.Z.S.; R. Bullen Newton, F.G.S.;
G. B. Sowerby, F.L.S.; Rev. G. Ferris Whidborne, F.G.S.

The President then delivered an address.

The following motion was proposed by Dr. Woodward, seconded by Colonel Wilmer, and carried unanimously: "That a vote of thanks be passed to the President for his address; and that the address be printed *in extenso* in the 'Proceedings' of the Society."

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Retiring Officers, Auditors, and Scrutineers.

ORDINARY MEETING.

FRIDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY, 1896.

Prof. G. B. Howes, Sec. L.S., President, in the Chair.

The following were elected to membership of the Society: Percy Emary, Alfred Leicester, Rev. Newton Vanstone.
